



# City of Seattle

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Gregory J. Nickels, Mayor

## Office of the Mayor

March 6, 2007

Honorable Nick Licata  
President  
Seattle City Council  
City Hall, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor

Dear Council President Licata:

I am transmitting the attached proposed Council Bill that increases various plumbing fees that the Department of Planning and Development (DPD) collects on behalf of Seattle-King County Public Health. This legislation is being submitted at the County's request in order for Public Health to continue to cover the cost of providing its services.

The County intended for these fees to be increased as of January 1, 2007, but they were inadvertently overlooked in the budget process. Approval of this legislation will make the plumbing fees that DPD collects for Public Health consistent with fees charged in the rest of King County and with the corresponding fees for gas piping.

Thank you for your consideration of this legislation. Should you have questions, please contact Jeff Davis at 684-8071.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Greg Nickels", written over a circular stamp.

GREG NICKELS  
Mayor of Seattle

cc: Honorable Members of the Seattle City Council

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ORDINANCE 122382

AN ORDINANCE related to the revision of plumbing permit fees; amending Section 22.504.010 of the Seattle Municipal Code.

**BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF SEATTLE AS FOLLOWS:**

Section 1. Effective January 1, 2007, Section 22.504.010 of the Seattle Municipal Code, which was last amended by Ordinance 120983, is amended as follows:

**22.504.010 Permit Fees.**

An applicant for a permit to do work under this Plumbing Code shall pay for each permit, at the time of issuance, a fee in accordance with the following schedule, and at the rate provided for each classification shown in the schedule:

A. Schedule of Fees

Base plumbing permit for one (1) fixture or trap (other than reduced pressure principle backflow prevention devices or double check valve assemblies, for which a separate permit shall be obtained at the rates in this schedule) \$((95))110.00

For each additional plumbing fixture or trap (including water drainage vent piping and backflow protection therefor) ((40))\$12.00

For each atmospheric vacuum breaker in irrigation systems, tanks, vats, etc., or for installation on unprotected plumbing fixtures including necessary water piping

Vacuum breaker-one (1) to five (5) – each device \$10.00

Vacuum breaker – over five (5) – each device \$5.00

Pressure vacuum breaker – each \$10.00

Reduced pressure principle backflow prevention device or double check valve assembly

Base plumbing permit for one (1) device or assembly ((95))\$110.00

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B. Fees for Miscellaneous Inspection Services



1 Fees for inspection service outside regular working hours or for inspection service requested but  
2 not covered by a permit will be charged for at a rate equal to the cost of performing the service.

3 Fees for permanent location inspection of factory housing or  
4 modular unit containing plumbing – For each single-family  
dwelling or each modular unit containing plumbing \$20.00

5 Plumbing permit includes on-site connections of building drain  
6 extensions, water service and necessary gas piping connections.  
7 Additional plumbing fixtures installed after factory installation  
of plumbing for each plumbing fixture or trap \$10.00

8 Fees for reconnection and retest of plumbing systems in  
9 relocated buildings – For each building containing plumbing \$20.00

10 Plumbing permit includes on-site connections of building drain  
11 extensions, water service and necessary gas piping connections.  
12 Additional plumbing fixtures installed after relocation for each  
plumbing fixture or trap \$10.00

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14 C. For the purpose of this section, “fixture” means and includes an appliance that is  
15 connected with a water, drain or vent pipe, but a sillcock faucet or hose bibb is not considered a  
16 fixture. A sanitary plumbing outlet on or to which a plumbing fixture or appliance may be set or  
17 attached shall be construed to be a fixture.

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19 D. Any person who commenced any work for which a permit is required by this  
20 Plumbing Code without first having obtained such permit((;)) shall upon subsequent application  
21 for the permit pay double the fee fixed by the schedule of fees for the work in subsections A and  
22 B of this section unless it is proved to the satisfaction of the Administrative Authority that the  
23 work was urgently necessary and that it was not practical to obtain a permit prior to the  
24 commencement of the work. In all such emergency cases, a permit shall be obtained as soon as it  
25 is practical to do so, and if there is an unreasonable delay in obtaining the permit, a double fee  
26 shall be charged as provided in this Code.

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1           E.     A reinspection fee of One Hundred Fifteen Dollars (~~(\$100))~~ (\$115.00) may be  
2 assessed for each inspection or reinspection if the portion of work for which inspection is called  
3 is not complete or if corrections called for are not made. This subsection does not require  
4 inspection fees the first time a job is rejected for failure to comply with this Code, but ~~((as~~  
5 ~~controlling))~~ is intended to control the practice of calling for inspection or reinspection.

6           Reinspection fees may be assessed if the permit is not properly posted on the work site,  
7 the work to be inspected is not under test, for failure to provide access on the date for which  
8 inspection is requested or for failure to make required corrections. Requests for reinspection  
9 shall be made in writing upon forms furnished for that purpose, and shall be accompanied by the  
10 reinspection fee in accordance with this section. If reinspection fees have been assessed,  
11 additional inspection of the work shall not be performed until the required fees have been paid.

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1 Section 2. This ordinance shall take effect and be in force thirty (30) days from and after  
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3 after presentation, it shall take effect as provided by Municipal Code Section 1.04.020.  
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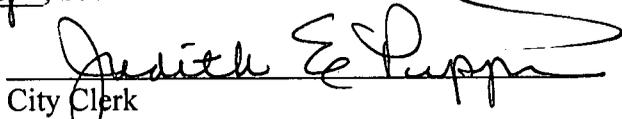
7 Passed by the City Council the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of April, 2007, and signed by me in open  
8 session in authentication of its passage this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of April, 2007.  
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11 President \_\_\_\_\_ of the City Council

12 Approved by me this 30<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2007.  
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15 Gregory J. Nickels, Mayor

16 Filed by me this 2 day of May, 2007.  
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**FISCAL NOTE FOR NON-CAPITAL PROJECTS**

<b>Department:</b>	<b>Contact Person/Phone:</b>	<b>DOF Analyst/Phone:</b>
Department of Planning and Development	Jeff Davis/4-8071	Amanda Allen/4-8894

**Legislation Title:**

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• **Summary of the Legislation:**

This legislation increases various plumbing fees that the Department of Planning and Development collects on behalf of Seattle-King County Public Health. DPD is submitting this legislation at the County's request in order for Public Health to continue to cover the cost of providing their services.

• **Background:**

The County intended for these fees to be increased on January 1, 2007 but they were inadvertently excluded from last year's budget process. Approval of this legislation will make the plumbing fees DPD collects for Public Health consistent with fees charged in the rest of King County and with the corresponding fees for gas piping.

This legislation has been submitted in prior years by City staff working for Seattle-King County Public Health. In 2005, the City's arrangement with Public Health changed and the City's Human Services Department now contracts with Public Health for services. Given this arrangement with Public Health, and that DPD already collects these fees on behalf of the County, DPD will include these plumbing fees in its regular fee ordinance in the future.

• *Please check one of the following:*

**This legislation does not have any financial implications.**

Since this legislation deals with fees that are collected by the Department of Planning and Development on behalf of Seattle-King County Public Health there are no financial implications for the City.

**This legislation has financial implications.**





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Nick Licata

President of the City Council

Approved by me this 30th day of April, 2007.

Gregory J. Nickels, Mayor

Filed by me this 1st day of May, 2007.

(Seal) Judith Pippin

City Clerk

Publication ordered by JUDITH PIPPIN, City Clerk

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